

## **DANIEL STILLWELL THOMAS.**

### **Biography from the Lehi Centennial History**

Daniel Stillwell Thomas was born March 17, 1805, in Sumner County, Tennessee, and died June 27, 1878. His wife, Martha Pane Jones Thomas, was born February 20, 1808, in Sumner County, Tennessee, and died September 5, 1885.

They were living in Calaway County, Kentucky, when Wilford Woodruff went on his first mission, holding the office of priest, and they were among his first converts. They emigrated to Missouri in 1837, lived one year, built a house, and raised crops, when the Saints were driven from Missouri.

They then had five children. They were among the early settlers of Nauvoo and there built a house and lived, and chiefly worked on the temple, their oldest son, Morgan, learning the stone cutting business there, commencing on the foundation and working on the Corinthian caps, which were on the tops of the pillars.

They were among the last driven from Nauvoo in February, 1846. That summer they lived in Iowa and then moved to Winter Quarters for the winter. When the Church left Winter Quarters they moved to Honey Creek, Iowa.

In the summer of 1849, they crossed the plains to Utah, lived in Salt Lake City until 1856, then moved to Lehi where they lived until their death.

Father Thomas served the public as school trustee, and built the first Lehi school house, the Thurman Building. He was president of the high priests quorum. He was a great worker and took a full share in fencing the first fields and making the first water sections.

Mother Thomas was counselor to Sister Coleman Evans, first president of the Relief Society, and an active worker in that body. She was a great weaver and clothed her family well in their home-made cloth.

The children of Daniel Stillwell Thomas and Martha Pane Thomas are: Morgan Milican Thomas, Matilda Ann Thomas; married Israel Evans. Malinda Stillwell Thomas; married Alexander Loveridge. Isaac Thomas, Emma Smith Thomas; married John Woodhouse. Joseph Alma Thomas; married Mary Ellen Lawrence. Daniel White Thomas; married Mary Ashton. Martha Jane Thomas; married Newal Brown. Sarah Phylinda Thomas; married Arthur Stewart. John Jones Thomas; married Myra Clark.